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Desolate Greece

One of the countries upon which the attention of the world is focused during these postwar days in Greece, the land which has made an undying contribution to the beauty of sculpture, architecture, literature, and learning. Now Greece stands desolate and needy, in want of everything that other nations can supply.

Pierce College in Athens is an institution in which the Congregational Christian churches have always taken pride. During the German occupation of Greece the campus and buildings were appropriated and the plant used as a military hospital. Later, when the area became unsafe for this purpose, the buildings were turned into barracks, and finally into repair shops for trucks and planes.

One can imagine how the hearts of students living nearby ached when at length they saw the buildings completely sacked. Wood, piping, wiring, furniture, all was moved to the far north for greater security. Now the buildings are mere shells.

But, in spite of this desperate condition, the school department of the college remained open all through the war. Its fine Greek staff, after Americans had been ordered to leave, rented a small house and continued their work under great difficulties. The tiny fees, collected weekly from those able to pay, barely kept them going. The college is held in high esteem, as is shown by a long waiting list, but the work which can be done in the face of present hardships is of only mediocre character. Though the simplest equipment is almost completely lacking, two sessions of the school are carried on, for the longing for education among the young Greeks is great.

The Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction is helping to restore Pierce College and to bring into being again a bit of "the glory that was Greece."

—Miriam S. Converse.

WEEKDAY EDUCATION

Weekday Religious Education, now firmly established in scores of California communities, marks another milestone with the annual meeting of the Northern California Association of Protestant Weekday Schools of Religion, to be held February 18, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

The meeting, which directly precedes the Pacific School of Religion inaugural and the Pastoral Conference, expects to have official delegates from each community where weekday religious education is in progress. Others who may be interested in the possibility of establishing weekday religious education in their community will be welcomed at the meeting as observers. Miss Ellen Smith, the new full time director of weekday work for the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches, will give her reports and recommendations. Miss Smith is available for consultation on weekday work to local communities and can be reached through the Council of Churches, 220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco 2.

"The Fellowship of Prayer," the daily devotion booklet for Lent, may now be obtained from the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco 2, at 2c each.

FINAL REPORTS FOR 1945

Our churches in their benevolence giving made a brave start in the year 1945, as the early monthly issues of The Pacific made clear. Then during the autumn there was a discouraging sag. But in December and the first ten days of January there was a truly thrilling finish. Through the Conference treasury for regular budgeted apportionment support of the Conference and the Boards there came from individuals and churches the grand total of **$51,123.06**, a gain over 1944 of **$4,250.74**. The distribution was as follows:

For the American Board (Foreign Missions).....**$10,966.97**
(This is a gain for the year of $940.79.)

For the Board of Home Missions and Council for Social Action.....**$11,893.47**
(This is a gain for the year of $755.86.)

For our State Conference, State Home Missions, and Ministerial Relief.....**$28,262.82**
(This is a gain for the year of $2,554.09.)

These figures do not include gifts to the Christmas Fund, the Unit Plan, and C.W.V.R., or the moneys sent in by individuals or churches direct to the Home and Foreign Boards. Nor do they include the major part of the gifts of our German churches which go through the treasury of the national German Conference.

These figures do include gifts, totaling $676.05, from Pilgrim Fellowship young people of Nortern California for their missionary projects, and they include the all-time high Thank Offering of the women of our churches through the Federation, which reached a total of $3,853.99. A church-by-church report of this great achievement appears in another column.

Beginning with 1936, there has been a steady march of gains. The first few years the increases were small, but greater beginning with 1943. The 1945 gain was 9.07% over 1944; 25.45% over 1943; 38% over 1942.

At the Mid-Winter Meeting at Cleveland figures were released indicating that the American Board received from our people $3,030 in direct gifts and the Home Boards received $927, which brings regular apportionment giving up to $55,080.00. This is a gain of$5,668.00 over the corresponding figure of a year ago. These figures are subject to later correction. It should be born in mind that this does not include the bulk of gifts from our German Churches. Our California German Churches sent through the treasurer of the national German Conference $1,359.97 for the American Board and $2,536.55 for the Board of Home Missions, or a total of $3,896.52 for budgeted apportionment.

Our churches and people again responded generously to the appeal of Mr. N. F. Sanderson in behalf of the Unit Plan in the amount of $5,167.55, which is only $289.10 less than for 1944 and brings us up to a grand total of $19,691.46 toward the 10 year goal of $30,000.00.

The amount given by Northern California to the Christmas Fund was $1859.59. The gifts from the whole country for this cause amounted to more than $100,000.

Finally, the crowning achievement was the way in which our people and churches responded to the program of relief and reconstruction. The total for 1945 was $18,408.00 (one year ago it was $11,845.00). In the per capita giving to this cause we rank among the highest of the larger conferences.

Northern California people should be both glad and humble. Glad because of our own plenty, security and freedom from the disasters of war. Glad because of the significant part which we are having in the total enterprise of our fellowship. Humble because the best that we do is so little compared with the needs and opportunities.

CONGREGATIONAL CAZADERO

TENTATIVE SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE FOR 1946

Date	Camp	Director
June 15-22	San Joaquin P. F.	Rev. John H. Gregg
June 22-29	Redwood Area P. F.	Rev. G. A. Casaday
June 29-July 6	Central Area P. F.	Rev. Arthur L. Rice
July 6-13	West Bay P. F.	Rev. Robert L. Carlson
July 13-20	East Bay P. F.	Rev. Eugene V. Haynes
July 20-27	Upper Bay P. F.	Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe
July 27-Aug. 3	Family Camp No. 1	Rev. Richard C. Norberg
August 3-10	Family Camp No. 2	Rev. Ralph C. Conard
August 10-17	Junior High No. 1	Rev. Henry H. Hayden
August 17-24	Junior High No. 2	
August 24-31	State P. F. Camp	Rev. Donald F. Gaylord
August 31-Sept. 3	Student Camp	Rev. Robert L. James, Jr.

ALL ABOARD FOR ADVENTURE

ALL ABOARD FOR ADVENTURE, a series of 12 adventure stories of Christian missionaries in the Orient and Pacific islands in war time, available on 12 inch phonograph records. The set, which can be played on any phonograph, can be borrowed from the Conference office or from the Field Secretary's Office. The rental cost is 50c per record, or $3.00 for the entire set, plus postage fees.

Each program is 10 to 12 minutes in length and can be used either as a unit in itself or as a stimulus to a discussion period. The programs are beamed especially for junior and junior high age young people.

"The Adventure Log," a workbook to accompany the series of recordings, sells for 12c each in quantities of 12 or more, or 20c each. A leader's guide is also available at 10 cents. The "Log" contains background material and pictures that help to bring the dramatic incidents to life and to relate them to the ongoing program of the church.

The set of 12 records may be bought for $25. However, the Conference Christian Education Committee has purchased a set to loan on the basis outlined above.

P.S.R. Inaugural

The inauguration of Dr. Ronald Bridges as the fifth president of Pacific School of Religion, to be held on Monday evening, February 18, is a fitting prelude to the Pastoral Conference which opens the following day.

Edwin R. Embree, President of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, will give the evening lectures of the Earl Foundation.

Other visiting speakers will be Rev. Truman B. Douglass, Executive Vice-President of our own Board of Home Missions, Rev. Adolphe Keller of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland, Mr. Elbert M. Conover, Director of the Inter-Denominational Bureau of Architecture of New York, and Mr. Frank Hobart Nelson of the Bureau of Institutional Broadcasting, of Pasadena.

There will be work-shops on Religion and Radio, Ministering to Ex-Service Men, Preaching, the Urban Church, Work with Youth, Church Architecture, and Story Telling, each with a distinguished leader.

PASTORS' LUNCHEON

The annual luncheon for Congregational ministers in connection with the Pastoral Conference in Berkeley will be held Wednesday noon, February 20, at the University Christian Church, the same building in which the Conference itself is held.

GET-TOGETHER

For Congregational ministers and their wives who may be attending the Earl Lectures there will be an informal get-together immediately following the first Earl Lecture on Tuesday evening, February 19, from 9:30 to 10:30 p. m. The gathering will be in Plymouth House. Refreshments will be served.

Rev. C. L. Mears, who formerly served the Reno, Alameda and Fairfax churches, is now living at Chula Vista. He has not been in good health and recently had a bad fall and is now in a hospital. Friends who desire to write him may reach him at Box 131, Chula Vista, Calif.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 10—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

February 17—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

February 18—6 to 8 p.m., annual meeting of Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches, First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

February 18—8 p.m., inauguration of President Ronald Bridges of Pacific School of Religion.

February 19-21—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

February 24—Upper Bay P. F. Rally at Benicia.

March 3—East Bay Junior High Rally, First Church, Berkeley.

March 8—World Day of Prayer.

April 21—Easter Sunday.

June 15-Sept. 3—Summer Camps at Congregational Cazadero.

June 19-26—General Council, Grinnell, Iowa.

July 8-19—Laboratory School for Christian Education, Plymouth Church, Oakland.

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STORY FOR 1945

Herewith is set forth the regular budgeted apportionment benevolences remitted through the Conference treasury, showing 1945 totals over against those for the previous year. Gifts sent directly to the eastern Boards are not included. The gain is very gratifying to every person interested in this cause.

	1945	1944
Adin	$ 62.86	$ 15.00
Alameda	1,080.31	1,004.57
Alturas	128.29	103.00
Angels Camp	180.80	183.36
Antioch	148.90	154.14
Auburn	155.50	201.60
Benicia	230.00	75.00
Berkeley:		
Arlington	130.21	111.24
Chinese	50.00	50.00
First	6,971.96	6,648.55
North	930.54	770.49
Northbrae	334.50	304.50
South Community	662.28	273.90
Biola	23.84*	23.44
Campbell	357.00	357.00
Cedarville	100.00	100.00
Cloverdale	159.14	158.93
Cotati	104.12	109.19
Crockett	100.00	144.71
Dinuba	.57*	.64
Elk Grove	129.40*	25.76
Etna	20.00	5.84
Eureka	600.00	565.43
Fairfax	192.14	164.47
Ferndale	460.50	512.64
Fowler	50.00	50.00
Fresno:		
First	1,266.48	1,278.00
Free Cross	128.00*	
Pilgrim	414.62	314.00
Zion	185.00*	100.00
Glen Ellen	82.50	100.55
Grass Valley		25.00
Guerneville	111.82	31.00
Hayward	300.00	300.00
Kenwood	24.06	47.27
Likely		4.44
Lodi:		
Ebenezer	25.04*	34.00
First	2,798.96	3,292.70
Loleta	97.41	78.03
Loomis	250.18	256.67
Martinez	604.69	487.40
Murphys	83.40	99.00
Niles	100.00	100.00
Oakland:		
Bethany	50.00	50.00
First	5,350.00	5,512.85
Fruitvale	70.27	85.50
Japanese	15.00	30.00
Pilgrim	101.44	60.00
Plymouth	1,632.20	1,546.35
Orinda	246.80	63.00
Oroville	500.67	377.08
Pacific Grove	467.06	396.90
Palo Alto	1,425.00	1,202.40
Paradise	299.06	352.89
Parlier		50.00
Penngrove	111.40	103.09
Pescadero	10.00	10.00
Petaluma	930.25	735.00
Pittsburg	342.76	308.67
Port Chicago	92.34	130.14
Porterville	825.00	643.00
Redwood City	923.11	977.50
Reedley, Finnish	25.00	
Rio Vista	220.00	194.00
Ripon	326.26	321.99
Sacramento, Pioneer	1,000.00	1,050.00
Salida	168.00	151.00
San Carlos	250.20	170.01
San Francisco:		
Calvary	30.00	30.00
Chinese	30.00	30.00
First	1,462.20	1,309.25
Grace United	407.35	402.68
Ocean View	116.15	109.80
Park Presidio	248.15	122.00
Sanger	12.96*	12.80
San Jose	1,000.00	828.47
San Leandro	246.84	202.35
San Mateo	1,420.95	1,259.96
San Rafael	89.00	118.40
Santa Cruz	898.30	800.00
Santa Rosa	186.20	230.00
Saratoga	848.27	817.38
Sebastopol	406.69	335.50
Sonoma	155.14	198.93
Soquel	209.00	178.00
Stockton	924.04	900.78
Suisun	157.13	100.00
Sunnyvale	85.31	81.65
Sunol	25.00	25.00
Tulare	913.92	570.00
Weaverville	150.00	147.50
Woodside	85.80	113.80
Reno, Nevada	652.54	628.74
Miscellaneous, including Thank Offering and Individual Gifts	5,145.28	4,136.50
TOTALS	$51,123.06	$46,872.32

* The figures set forth above opposite the names of our German churches are for the amounts sent through the Conference treasury only. The bulk of their money goes through the national German treasurer and is set forth in another column.

German Churches' Giving

The treasurer of the national German Conference has forwarded a church by church list of the giving of our German churches to the regular budgeted apportionment. These amounts are in addition to the amounts given to the Conference appearing in another column. It should be borne in mind that the German churches have other projects which they support, including missionary work in South Africa, Yankton College, and their own school of theology, and they have made generous contributions to the Unit Plan and for war victims, bringing their total through their own treasury up to $9,676.17.

	1945	1944
Biola	$ 550.00	$ 746.00
Dinuba	255.00	145.00
Elk Grove	178.50	179.00
Fresno, Free Cross	1,028.27	1,004.00
Fresno, Zion	510.00	668.00
Lodi, Ebenezer	878.87	919.00
Sanger	297.89	64.00

In addition various groups and conventions added a total for 1945 of $197.99.

REV. B. DENT NAYLOR

Rev. Benjamin Dent Naylor passed away on the morning of January 23rd at a hospital in Martinez, after an illness of a number of days. Mr. Naylor had lived in Martinez in retirement for a number of years. His active ministry was within this conference. He had served our churches more than fifty years. He had held pastorates in Crockett, Suisun, Grass Valley, Hayward, Sebastopol, Porterville, and Port Chicago. Mrs. Naylor passed away several years ago. There were no children. He has been a faithful member of the Martinez Church since his resignation at Port Chicago. Funeral services were conducted at the First Congregational Church at Martinez on January 26th.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

HELP WANTED: nurses, cooks, doctors. As The Pacific goes to press the Camp Commission has not finally decided on a cook for the summer season at Congregational Cazadero. If any readers of The Pacific wish to recommend well qualified cooks, they should write at once to Field Secretary Wm. W. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4. The cook should be prepared to stay for the full camp season, June 15 to September 3. The salary is open to negotiation but will be adequate.

A doctor or nurse should be at camp each week during the summer as a member of the camp staff. We hope to find doctors or nurses from among our own churches who will be willing to take a week or two vacation at Cazadero, with all expenses paid. In this case also send your nomination to Field Secretary Meyer for doctors or nurses who would be interested in spending a week or more at camp.

A position is also open for a man to head the camp crew for all or part of the summer. The responsibility will not be heavy but will include the directing of some of the work projects during the camps. The Commission thinks it may be possible to find a returned veteran or perhaps a high school teacher who would be interested in the camp experience.

OUR THANKFUL WOMEN

The women of our Northern California churches, after adopting a goal of $3,000 for projects commanding their interest, as an expression of their gratitude for the goodness of God, gave the unprecedented sum of $3,853.99. Thus there were substantial plus amounts going to the Boards and the Conference after meeting their project obligations in full. The church by church list which follows shows how the gain over 1944 was made. Mrs. R. A. Fuller has been the Thank Offering secretary for the year.

	1945	1944
Alameda	$ 86.00	$ 90.00
Angels Camp	17.31	18.59
Antioch	65.34	55.00
Auburn	17.90	28.37
Benicia	52.55	52.93
Berkeley, Arlington	18.29	9.80
First	162.00	160.00
North	59.50	52.37
South Community	57.16	10.00
Campbell	45.00	22.00
Cloverdale	8.00	7.00
Cotati	45.00	
Eureka	60.63	62.50
Ferndale	29.50	16.05
Fresno, First	154.17	115.80
Pilgrim	80.00	
Hayward	35.00	30.00
Lodi, First	99.04	110.67
Loomis	27.05	20.82
Martinez	65.00	54.52
Murphy	5.43	5.25
Oakland, Bethany 9rmenian	5.00	
First	515.10	439.01
Fruitvale	41.45	30.40
Pilgrim	5.00	
Plymouth	120.12	92.47
Orinda	64.94	
Oroville	15.00	33.00
Pacific Grove	84.50	61.00
Palo Alto	157.10	153.25
Paradise	58.50	48.43
Penngrove	11.71	11.81
Petaluma	118.00	
Pittsburg	52.31	36.32
Port Chicago	7.88	
Porterville	67.70	55.60
Redwood City	38.00	37.06
Rio Vista	72.00	77.49
Ripon	83.02	100.00
Sacramento	71.00	72.75
San Carlos	30.00	31.32
Salida	25.00	25.00
San Francisco, Calvary	5.00	5.00
First	203.75	160.84
Grace United	32.25	33.95
Ocean View	7.68	12.00
San Jose	135.00	104.00
San Leandro	81.00	40.00
San Mateo	106.00	116.65
Santa Cruz	128.76	106.00
Santa Rosa	55.59	52.78
Saratoga	53.10	63.05
Sebastopol	46.46	44.00
Sonoma	20.00	25.50
Stockton	60.20	64.00
Tulare	35.00	32.18
Weaverville	30.00	30.00
Woodside	21.00	18.80
TOTALS	$3,853.99	$3,135.33

PETALUMA. The budget of the church has been nicely covered by subscriptions and the benevolence goal has been exceeded. A children's choir has been organized under the leadership of Mrs. Gans, the wife of the pastor.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian is meeting with a pastor's class each Sunday morning during Sunday School. A new heating unit for the church building has been completed and installed

PITTSBURG. A series of sermons on the Christian symbols depicted in the stained glass windows of the church sanctuary is being featured by the pastor, Rev. Elmer W. Benedict.

ARRIVED

On January 22, 1946, Rev. and Mrs. Byron E. Eshelman announced the arrival of a son, Carlton Albert.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. One hundred forty-seven parents and children attended a Family Potluck Supper sponsored by the Christian Education board of the church. Church School classes gave three dramatic presentations to highlight the program. News of the sale of the Fellowship House puts a special note of urgency into the work of the Building Committee.

CEDARVILLE. The entire church was filled for the Christmas program and an offering was taken for War Victims. A church membership class has been started. The pastor, Rev. Terence Stoker, has taken the lead in organizing a Modoc County Pilgrim Fellowship. One meeting was held in December and another is planned for early spring.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Eight new members were welcomed on the first Sunday in January. A Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship group has been organized, the president being Ruth Wilbur, daughter of Mrs. Jean Wilbur and the late Dr. Leonard Wilbur of China. Rev Jason Noble Pierce is the pastor.

SAN MATEO. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, pastor, has been instructed to search for an assistant minister and the necessary financial support is forthcoming. Mr. Buckham attended the Mid-Winter Meetings in Cleveland as a member of the board of directors of the Board of Home Missions.

ANGELS CAMP. The church greeted its new pastor, Rev. Lawrence D. Granger, and his fine family with great happiness and high hopes on New Year's Sunday. Fifteen new members were received into the church that day, including six of the Granger family.

HAYWARD. A committee is actively at work with an architect on plans for the new building on the new location. The membership now stands at 205. A quiet campaign for the building fund has been decidedly successful. Rev. Richard C. Norberg is pastor.

ANTIOCH. The treasurer's report at the annual meeting showed more than $1000 in the building fund and nearly $800 in the general fund. The pulpit committee is actively at work to secure a successor to Rev. Tom Watt. Mr. Watt has purchased a home in Oakland.

MARTINEZ. Announcement is made that the Thomas T. Giffen memorial chimes are to be installed by Easter Sunday. The Pilgrim Fellowship is at work to raise the last $100 of the memorial fund. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

ADIN. The property value of the church and the pastor's salary have both been substantially increased, according to annual report received from the pastor, Rev. Janie M. Lewis.

FAIRFAX. Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph Caughey have had the pleasure of a visit from their son who is a Naval Chaplain, and who preached the sermon on January 20.

PARADISE. The "Every Member Canvas" indicates an increase in missionary giving of 50%. Rev. W. H. L. Marshall is pastor.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN JOSE. At the annual meeting reports of activities for the past year were given, especially emphasizing increase of interest and attendance in the Church School following a revision in the curriculum and the enlistment of a number of young parents as leadership of the school. All departments of the Church School, from nursery up through junior high, are held at the same hour as the church service in order to permit families to come to church together. The college Pilgrim Fellowship group has been conducting a series of community studies on the prison conditions. A new young adult group, to include men and women who are returning from the service, is being organized for sociability and serious religious study.

TULARE. Nearly $1200 has been pledged for benevolences and Postwar Emergency Program and regular budget increased several hundred dollars. A Social Action committee, including the editor of a newspaper, the manager of the radio station, and a high school principal, will sponsor a forum. The Education Committee, the cabinet, the deacons, and other officers have undertaken responsibilities with serious thinking and planning. Rev. Clayton H. Gill is pastor.

SAN CARLOS. Very definite and forward-looking steps are being taken in the planning of the total church plant that is needed for this rapidly growing church in a rapidly growing city. During the past year 47 people were received into church membership, bringing the number to 306. The Sunday School enrollment stands at 404. The loan to the Church Building Society has been completely paid. Rev. H. J. Loken is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. At the annual meeting the Endowment Committee reported $4400 in new gifts and the Memorial Committee reported that stained glass windows will be installed by September for the clerestory. Sixty-five members had united during the year. More than $2100 is pledged for the Postwar Emergency fund. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. Twenty-one Pilgrim Fellowship young people sing regularly in the choir and are to broadcast over the radio in the near future. The women's group has started their spring program with the theme, "Understanding our Church." On Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday the pastor, Rev. Henry Hayden, had his young people conducting the service to report on their mid-winter conference.

SANGER, SALEM. Thirteen new members were received at the annual church meeting. The treasurer reported a balance of over $800. A window is being installed in the nursery room so that mothers may watch the service while watching their babies. The pastor, Rev. Edward Hildebrand, feels that the future is very promising.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. Men of the church have met for "work night" at the church, building shelves and cupboards in the kitchen and improving the Church School rooms. New heaters have been installed in the chapel, social hall, and primary room. The pastor, Rev. Robert W. Moon, announces a series of Sunday evening community forums.

WEAVERVILLE. Rev. and Mrs. Forrest P. Knapp have sailed for Hawaii to visit their two daughters living there. They expect to be gone about three months. The pulpit is being filled for the present by laymen.

SAN LORENZO. The Church School is taxing the facilities of the community hall to the very limit with a total enrollment of 260, more than 75 children in the primary and beginners' departments alone. Mr. Floyd Williams, the superintendent, is planning with Rev. Homer A. Schwarz, the pastor, for larger temporary facilities looking forward to a new Community church building in the future. A protest has been filed by certain residents against building a church on the site which has been selected, but it is hoped an agreement will soon be reached.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA - ARDEN. Pianos, tables, chairs and hymn books have been gathered making possible not only a High School young people's group, but also the launching of a Church School in four departments meeting in four homes. A Women's Council is meeting and a Development Committee is being organized which will take care of the whole problem of church erection and finance. Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester are in charge.

RENO. The Federated Women's Fellowship, which enlists a number of women not previously active in other groups, was launched in January. It embraces Five Circles each of which centers about some special interest. The Church's Diamond Jubilee is being planned for February 17th and 19th. Rev. Miles B. Fisher, of Berkeley will be the special guest for the occasion. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is the Pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Average church attendance has been excellent and indicates the effectiveness of a postcard campaign to families of the parish. Reports at the annual meeting were encouraging and a committee was appointed to study plans for increasing the church facilities. Rev. Byron Eshelman, the pastor, announces his new home address as 2328 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland 1.

PESCADERO. The church is purchasing new Pilgrim Hymnals and the money has been raised. The pastor, Rev. Wm. F. Keeney, has made a population study of the Pescadero area to determine possible directions of advance for the church. The Ladies' Guild is making up food packages to be sent to a half dozen needy families overseas. This will be done monthly.

FERNDALE. The balcony of the church auditorium has been transformed into three Church School classrooms. The church has been happily surprised by the gift of a $1000 bond from a friend. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is the pastor.

ALAMEDA. Five new members joined the church on a recent Sunday. The young people of Phi Kappa are finding success in Sunday morning breakfast meetings.

PALO ALTO. The annual meeting of the church reported a wholesome growth in all departments, with a surplus carried over into the building fund. Copies of the newly revised constitution were distributed. A new group of younger women has been organized, the Priscilla Club. Two carloads of excellent clothing were forwarded for European relief. The pastor, Rev. Augustine Jones, has preached a series of sermons on "Understanding Yourself." A more recent one, "Did Jesus Exist?" is being printed by the church for circulation.

RIO VISTA. Rev. J. N. Bridges of the Green Lake Congregational Church, Seattle, has been called as pastor and will enter upon his duties as soon as he can close his present work and suitable housing in Rio Vista can be found. Mr. Bridges has had splendid pastorates in Colorado and Washington. He is very active in young people's work. He will bring strength not only to Rio Vista but to our entire fellowship. Rev. Frank E. Carlson and Rev. C. A. Stanley have been supplying the church since the first of the year.

FRESNO, FIRST. Average attendance at Sunday morning services for the year was 202. The 1946 budget is completely underwritten, including an increase of $200 for benevolences. More than $600 has been paid or subscribed for War Victims and Reconstruction. Members of the Rotary Club have contributed to the building fund $6,790. This fund now stands at more than $25,000, in addition to the cost of the site, which was $10,000.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. At the annual meeting 28 groups reported flourishing activities. There are a thousand families in the church parish and a Sunday School enrollment of 325. Mr. Charles Gebhardt, a young member of the church, is being recommended as a candidate for the Christian ministry. The pastor, Rev. Torrance Phelps, reports 133 new members during 1945.

ORINDA. Fine support and interest were indicated at the annual meeting. Galen Fisher is serving as chairman of the Board. The Municiple Utility District is opening the way for the purchase of a new site for the church building. The pastor, Rev. Fred Morrow, will be conducting two separate classes for church membership from now until Easter.

LOOMIS. The new Pilgrim Fellowship now has 35 members, and junior high work is being established. The financial support of the church has been doubled. Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Bennett are visiting far and wide in the community.

ELK GROVE. The church reports that the mortgage on their parsonage is being repaid in full. Rev. Ferdinand C. Zahl is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. For the annual meeting an attractive 32-page printed book of reports was provided, including the program and the hymns for congregational singing. The treasurer showed a grand total having been received for operations, benevolences, and building fund of more than $62,000 during the year. One hundred fifty-eight members had been received, but there had been losses, including those due to revision of the roll, offsetting the number received. Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. J. Ford Forsyth are the ministers.

SANTA ROSA. At the annual meeting the challenge of a greatly increased budget was faced when the church returns completely to its own building and its own program. The Alden League for young people reports greater strength than at any time during the war. The pastor, Rev. Gordon L. Foster, while serving both the Congregational and Presbyterian churches, has also served in 1945 as chairman of the Youth Coordinating Council on the Teen Canteen Committee and as chairman of the Sonoma County Committee on Fair Play.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Benevolence pledges for 1946 are the highest in many years, and well over $15,000 is on hand for the building fund. A kodachrome projector has recently been purchased. A pamphlet has been printed outlining the program of the church and indicating its place on the map for new families. The pastor, Rev. Eugene Haynes, accompanied his young people on a recent outing to Congregational Cazadero.

STOCKTON. Through the invitation of Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, Superintendent Gill presented the Postwar Emergency Program on the first Sunday in January. The church definitely seeks to secure the goals as advised by our national leaders. Reports at the annual meeting showed the church in a very healthy condition financially and twenty new members had been received during the year.

LODI, FIRST. The annual meeting was held in the newly remodeled and redecorated church. The church is sending $3000 for war relief as part of their giving under the Postwar Emergency Program. $150 is being given by the church for the Sherman Memorial Cabin fund to supplement the amount already given in private gifts.

SANTA CRUZ. At the annual meeting the clerk, Mr. Ernest Otto, reported 49 new members as having been received during the year and average attendance of 308. Healthy financial balances were in all treasuries. Rev. H. S. Mahood, pastor, had made 2476 calls during the year, conducted 103 funerals, and solemnized 98 marriages.

BENICIA. The clerk's report at the annual meeting indicated an increase in membership of over 45% for 1945 over 1944. The young people's group has recently been reorganized under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson, and the young people sponsor an evening church service the last Sunday night of each month. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe is the pastor.

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

By Rev. Henry Stauffer

I still believe the rev'rent mind
In every crucial, baffling hour,
The wave length of its Source can find
And draw from that its life and power.

I still believe good will and trust
Are mightier far than bombs and gas;
That love will master greed and lust;
That outlawed war at length will pass.

I still believe that treasured spite
Will poison all the springs of life.
He that with wrong would wrong require
Makes rankling malice still more rife.

I still believe the common man
Who knows his Maker's grand design
And builds according to that plan
Can make the humblest lot sublime.

I still believe the vision fair
That pilots man through all his strife
Transmutes existence rude and bare
Into a rich, triumphant life.

I still believe that Jesus' way
Should be the way of all mankind,
He is the Light whose quick'ning ray
Gives vision to the inly blind.

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Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

Regular Federation Meeting at First Church, Oakland, Thursday, February 21

ANNUAL MEETING ECHOES

The 23rd annual meeting of the Federation was held Thursday, January 17, in the First Church, Berkeley. It was the first peacetime meeting since the start of the war, and opened most auspiciously. More than 200 women were in attendance during the day though not all of them sat down to the delicious luncheon which the women of the church provided for us. This attendance was, as it should have been, much larger than we have had for several years.

There was an especially interesting program. The morning speaker was Dr. Ronald Bridges, new president of the Pacific School of Religion and moderator of our General Council. He brought to our consideration the conflict, worldwide today, between centralization of authority which may lead to authoritarianism and individual freedom which may lead to complete lack of cooperation and anarchy. He showed how those two forces work in Congregationalism today.

The afternoon speaker, Mrs. Dorothea Eltenton, who had spent five years in Russia with her husband, a British scientist, told us of the people there and what they were like in the intimate ways of daily living, as one housewife to another, not as members of an allied nation in the recent war.

The program chairman, Mrs. Harley H. Gill, used an especially effective method of presenting her speakers. A large wheel of wallboard, bare of adornment, stood on the platform. Mrs. Gill explained that the spokes of the wheel, reaching out from the center were the various secretaries, while the rim that surrounded and held them all in place was formed by the Association presidents. Each secretary, as she came up to give her report, fastened a white spoke on the wheel frame and later each Association president affixed her portion of the rim. It is impossible to do more than touch on some of the points made by these speakers.

As an indication of how worthwhile is the work of the M.E.M. at its summer gathering, it was interesting to note that both the Home and the Foreign field secretaries paid tribute to the value of the M.E.M. study and study-books. It is to be hoped that a larger number of our Congregational women will avail themselves of the really delightful method of getting missionary information which M.E.M. furnishes.

Mrs. W. W. Meyer of the Home field stated that she can furnish mimeographed sheets giving information on our projects. Write her for them. Her address is 1494 Marin Avenue, Albany 6. Mrs. L. K. Doty, Friendly Service secretary, said that of 75 quotas sent out 72 were filled, and of the remaining three, two had asked for quotas for next year though they were unable to take those sent this year. That is an unusually fine record. Last year of 70 sent out only 56 were filled.

Mrs. R. A. Fuller spoke on our steadily growing. Thank offering, which for a number of years has exceeded the goal set. This year the goal had been set at $3,000 and we raised $3,853.99, the greatest increase since 1924. Just to refresh yours memories, the projects served by the Thank Offering are the Children's Project of Grace United Church, the South Berkeley Community Church, the Means School for Girls in East Africa, and Ryder Memorial Hospital at Humacao, Puerto Rico. Mrs. Sanford Seigrist, assistant Literature secretary, spoke in the absence of Mrs. Philip Greisinger, and reminded us that the end of the year for the Reading List reports comes the last of March, so there is still time to do much reading. The supplemental Reading Lists may be obtained from Mrs. Siegrist, 25 Duncan Way, Oakland 11. The report of Mrs. Chester Marliave, Speakers' Bureau chairman, showed how active, helpful, and generous with time have been many of our secretaries, notably Mrs. C. A. Stanley, Foreign field secretary.

Election and installation of officers, directors, and committee chairmen closed the morning session. These will be printed elsewhere in The Pacific. The reports of the Association presidents were full of interest but as the last issue of The Pacific was given over to them we regretfully omit any detailed mention.

An unusual feature at the noon hour was the showing of a picture of Miss Mary Denton of Japan, with an interesting talk on Miss Denton's life by Mrs. Ernest Evans. In the afternoon a brief memorial to one whom we all loved, Mrs. T. E. Borden, was given by Dr. Clara Miller of Alameda. The hostess church provided us with two beautiful solos by Ruth Stalke Johnson, and we went out from the meeting carrying with us the inspiration of Mrs. Bayard Buckham's worship service.

The editor of the Women's Column speaks to you in the same old voice this month, due to the illness of Mrs. Robert d'Erlach, new correspondent to The Pacific. While the old editor regrets both the fact and the occasion for it, it does give her an opportunity to bring to you a most unique Thank Offering program which has lain for some time waiting chance for presentation. It comes from the fertile brain of Mrs. J. O. Ferris of San Jose who used it very successfully there. It was held in the evening so that both men and women attended and took part, and in an improvised courtroom in the Congregational Church. The occasion was the trial of Dame Thank Offering. There was the full paraphernalia of judge (who really was one), jurors, attorneys for Defense and Prosecution, and eight witnesses, four on a side. Each of the four on the Defense presented one of the Thank Offering projects as his testimony. Needless to say, Dame Thank Offering was acquitted!

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